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Cromwell Advertisements

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

FAMILY GROCERS

WINE, SPIRIT, AND GENERAL MERCHANTS.

We desire to intimate that in order to meet the growing exigencies of our business, we have lately built substantial stone additions to our former premises.

At the urgent request of our numerous customers, we have added to our other branches of business, that of

DRAPERY, CROCKERY, & IRONMONGERY.

We would further notify that, having engaged a Buyer in connection with our business to select special lines consigned from the Home and Melbourne markets, we will in future be in a position to offer such superior advantages to our customers as will not fail to ensure a continuance of their liberal patronage, and, more especially, will command the attention and confidence of the Trade, Runholders, and Large Buyers.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

Our GROCERY STOCK comprises:

Teas, of excellent flavour, in chests, half-chests, and boxes
Coffees, from the pure bean, ground on the premises
Cocoa, Chocolate, of the best brands
Sugars: crystals of every shade, and crushed loaf
Bacon, Cheese, Butter: weekly supplies from the best dairies
Jams, Jellies, and Pickles

Candles: best brands
Soap: treble crown, blue mottled, household, scented in bars, cakes, and boxes
Vestas, by approved makers
Salt: table, fine, and coarse
Raisins: Muscatels, Sultanas, and Elemes
Oils: salad, castor, and kerosene
Sauces: Lea and Perrins, Mushroom, Nabob, and assorted

TOBACCOS.

Imperial, Aromatic, cable-twist—superior
Cameron's celebrated brands—Havelock, Golden Bar, Ventus tens
Barrett's Twist, in quarter-tierces and boxes.

Water Lily, Over the Water, navy sixes
Cut Tobaccos, in pound, half-pound, and quarter-pound tins, and in bulk.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Brands: Hennessy's, Associated Vineyard, Martell's, in bulk and case
Whiskies: Old Glenury, Islay, Longjohn's, in bulk and case
Rum: Lemon Hart's
Port: Fine old Offley's, six grape
Sherry: Gonzalez, six diamond
Gin: J. & K. Z. Geneva, Nectar, and Kummell
Old Tom: Burnett's, Bernard's
Claret: St. Julien's

Moselle: No. 2
Hock: Gold Leaf
Ginger Wine, in bulk and case
Ales: Tennent's, Younger's, and Colonial.
Porter: Blood's, Byass's, Guinness's, and Colonial
Cordials: assorted
Sarsaparilla: Singleton's, Townsend's
Bitters: Selner's, Stoughton's

IRONMONGERY STOCK consists of

Blasting powder and fuse
Gunpowder, caps, and shot
Long and short handled shovels
Spades, sluice forks
Picks and pickhandles
Gold dishes, hose-pipes
Drills and drilling hammers
Manilla and flax ropes
White lead, castor, boiled, and colza oils
Galvanised and corrugated iron
Stoves and piping

Billies and pannikins
Tea-kettles, iron and tin
Galvanised iron buckets and tubs
Iron boilers
Enamelled and tinned stew and saucepans
Axes and axe-handles
Nails, cut and wrought
Tacks, clout and American cut
Garden rakes, hoes, and spades
Cutlery, a large assortment
Carpenters' tools of every description.

CANVAS, SADDLERY, AND BRUSHWARE.

HOLT'S SEWING MACHINES: CABINET AND HAND.

DRAPERY AND CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Suits: silk-mixture, Galatea, Paget, sac
Boys' do.
Trousers and Vests: Mosgiel, silk-mixed, tweed, doeskin
Shirts: white dress, crimeans, Scotch twill, tweed
Pants and undershirts, in flannel, lamb's-wool, merino, and cotton
Hosiery and hats

Dress materials: wineys, French merinos, all-wool plaids, prints
Flannels; Calicos, bleached and unbleached
Blankets, rugs, quilts
Table-covers, bed and toilet-covers.
Cocoa and felt matting
Hessian, bed-ticking, carpets
Top, waterproof, and tweed coats; etc., etc.

BOOTS & SHOES.

Boots: men's elastic-sides, watertights, halt-Wellingtons; Hayward and North British Gum Boot
Women's and children's Boots, Shoes, and Slippers, in calf, kid, and cashmere.

N.B.—All goods in this department are marked at low prices.

CROCKERYWARE.

Breakfast, dinner, and bedroom sets complete
Lamps: parlour, hanging, bracket

China, glass, and earthenware goods of every description

FILTERS, VASES, AND LUSTRES.

FANCY GOODS.

Electro-plated Britannia-metal tea and coffee pots; meerscham and briar pipes—a choice selection; patent medicines; stationery; perfumery.

COLONIAL PRODUCE: Wheat, Oats, Chaff, Pollard, and Potatoes.

D. A. J. & Co. have been appointed sole agents for the sale of Butel Bros.' superior silk-dressed flour, bran, and pollard; and are prepared to promptly execute all orders within a radius of sixty miles.—FLOUR GUARANTEED. TERMS LIBERAL.

W. TALBOYS' CLEARING SALE OF GROCERY.

New Season Tea, 1878-79 (Boxes of 12lb), 23s
Cocoa (pound tins), 1s 6d
Muscatels, 1s 2d per lb
Jordan Almonds, 2s 3d per lb
Elemes, 7d per lb
Lemon Peel, 1s 5d per lb
Two-crown Soap, 12s per box
Three-crown Soap, 14s per box
Cheese, 10d per lb
Hams, 10d per lb
Kerosene (Noonday), 12s per tin.

Fresh Herrings, 8d per tin.
Lobsters, 10d per tin
Salmon, 10d per tin
Sardines (half-pound tins), 11d
Sardines (quarter-pound tins), 7d
Oysters, 7d per tin
Tainish's Jams, 11d per tin
Figs, 1s per box
Preserved Fruits, 2s.
Pickles, 1s per bottle
Candles 10d per lb

ABOVE PRICES ARE STRICTLY CASH.

Men's Elastic Sides, Lace-ups and Watertights, Colonial Made, 14s 6d.

A large stock of Ladies' and Children's Kid Boots (Copper Toes), 4s 6d.

W. TALBOYS, LONDON HOUSE, CROMWELL.

Cromwell Advertisements

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,

In returning thanks to the Public of Cromwell and surrounding districts for past patronage, respectfully beg to inform them that, having been unsuccessful in disposing of our Cromwell branch, we have determined

TO CONTINUE BUSINESS,

And, with that view, have Replenished our Stock with a large and well-selected assortment of

DRAPERY, BOOTS, HOSIERY, FANCY GOODS,

CROCKERY, IRONMONGERY & GROCERIES,

Which we are now offering at prices far below former quotations. We would specially draw attention to our Stock of

MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING,

BLANKETS, ETC.,

DIRECT FROM OUR OWN FACTORY, AS BEING OF VERY CHOICE VALUE.

AN EARLY INSPECTION SOLICITED.

AGENTS FOR

Robertson & Hallenstein's Silk-dressed Flour, Bran and Pollard.

A LARGE STOCK OF GRAIN AND PRODUCE ALWAYS ON HAND.

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.

EXTENSION OF PREMISES.

W. TALBOYS,

Having determined to Extend his Premises,

WILL HOLD A

Great Clearing Sale!

OF HIS EXTENSIVE AND VARIED STOCK OF

DRAPERY, HOSIERY, HABERDASHERY,
CLOTHING, BOOTS & SHOES, &c., &c.,

EXTENDING OVER ONE MONTH ONLY!

CALL EARLY AND SECURE BARGAINS!

Cromwell

NOTICE

The following are the days appointed for holding the Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Courts for the months of January, February and March, 1880, for the Dunstan division of the Otago Goldfields Districts:—

CLYDE—Every Thursday, excepting the Teviot Court week.

CROMWELL—Every Friday.

ALEXANDRA—Monday, January 12 and 26
February 9 and 23
March 8 and 22

[The District Court Office at Alexandra will be open on the above dates for the transaction of business.]

ROXBURGH—Tuesday, January 6
February 3
March 2

OPHIR—Tuesday, January 13
February 10
March 9

JACKSON KEDDELL,
Warden and R.M.

M R A. F. BLOOD, B.A.,
Has Commenced Practice as a
SOLICITOR AND CONVEYANCER

In the District, R.M. and Warden's
Courts, Cromwell.

Mr Blood is prepared to visit Alexandra,
Blacks, &c., when professionally required.

OFFICE:

**NEXT DOOR TO THE BANK OF NEW
ZEALAND.**

HENRICH BEHRENS,
WHEELWRIGHT

AND COACH BUILDER,
MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL

(Nearly opposite Bank of New South Wales),
Is prepared to execute all Orders entrusted to
him with carefulness and despatch.

A Large Supply of Well-seasoned American and
Native Timbers kept in Stock.

Repairs done in best style.

K. P R E T S C H.
CROMWELL,

COACH AND GENERAL PAINTER,
PAPERHANGER, &c.

Has always on hand a fine selection of Paper
hangings, Paints, Glass, and Mouldings of every
description, at low prices.

Contracts undertaken for General Painting,
Paperhanging, Decoration,
and Sign Writing.

E. M U R R E L L,
WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER,

Has just received, per
English Mail, another
consignment of
**SILVER
HUNTING
LEVER
WATCHES**
direct from the
Manufacturer
in London. As
these Watches
are made to his
own order, bear
his name, and
specially made
to suit the re-
quirements of
this district, he
can with confidence recommend them to the
public both as regards finish and accuracy of
adjustment, and as Time-keepers not to be ex-
celled in the colony.

E.M. has made arrangements for regular sup-
plies, and as he buys for cash he is in a position
to defy competition.

A Two Years' Guarantee given with every
Watch.

INSPECTION INVITED.

Note the address—

E. MURRELL,
Watch and Clock Maker,
MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

**THE AUSTRALIAN LITHOFRAC-
TEUR AND DYNAMITE CO.**
(KREBS' PATENT.)

ARTHUR BRISCOE & CO.,

Having accepted the above Company's Agency
for New Zealand, direct the attention of Rail-
way and other Contractors, Miners, and Quarry-
men to the enormous advantages derived from
the use of these STRONGEST EXPLOSIVES
MANUFACTURED.

For Mining, Quarrying, Blasting in hard or
soft rock, and for Submarine Works (Krebs'
Patent being the only manufacture insoluble) it
is invaluable.

The SUPERIOR STRENGTH of these COLONIAL
EXPLOSIVES has been proved by experts to
be 15 to 20 per cent. stronger than any imported
Dynamite, while the present price renders it
cheaper than blasting powder.

Price—1 case, 2s 9d per lb.
5 " 2s 6d "
10 " 2s 3d "

Delivery from magazine payable by purchaser.

ARTHUR BRISCOE & CO.,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL IRONMONGERS AND
IRON MERCHANTS,
PRINCES-STREET, DUNEDIN.

Miscellaneous.

TO FARMERS.

M'CORMICK'S HARVESTERS FOR SALE.

Agent for Cromwell:

CHARLES COLCLOUGH.

R. AND A. J. PARK,

SURVEYORS, LAND AGENTS,

SHARE AND MONEY BROKERS,

SAVINGS BANK BUILDINGS,

HIGH-STREET, DUNEDIN.

Land Office business transacted.

MONEY TO LEND AT CURRENT RATES.

J O H N S M I T H

begs to intimate to the Public that he
HAS OPENED

Those

WELL-KNOWN AND COMMODIOUS STABLES

(Late Starkey and Scally's),

And hopes, by attention and civility, to merit a
fair share of public patronage.

BUGGIES & SADDLE HORSES ALWAYS ON HIRE.

HORSES BROKEN IN, &c.

P. B U T E L & C O.'S

FLOUR MILLS.

NEAR ARROWTOWN.

Supply First-class

SILK-DRESSED FLOUR, BRAN AND POLLARD.

GRISTING DONE AT CURRENT RATES.

Country orders executed with care and dis-
patch. An excellent sample of flour guaranteed,
—cannot be excelled in the Colony.

VINCENT FLOUR MILL,
OPHIR.

J. C. JONES

Begs to inform the inhabitants of the surround-
ing districts that, having now completed the
above Flour Mill, which he has fitted up with
machinery on the most improved principle, he
is prepared to supply

SILK-DRESSED FLOUR
of the best quality; also, Bran and Pollard.

Gristing at Current Rates.

J. C. JONES.

WAKATIP FLOUR & OATMEAL
MILLS, LAKE HAYES.

ROBERT GILMOUR, PROPRIETOR.

The Proprietor begs to announce to the public
that, owing to the increased demand for Oatmeal,
he has now completed considerable improvements
on his oatmeal machinery, and is prepared to
supply a first-class article at a most reasonable
rate.

R.G.'s Mill being under the management of a
Miller of wide experience, the public can depend
upon a Constant Supply of Flour of the best
quality, and can offer it at as cheap a rate and
upon as reasonable terms as any in the district.

ROBERT GILMOUR.

N O T I C E.

FOURPENCE each will be given by the
undersigned for the SKINS of Rabbits de-
stroyed on Mt. Pisa and Queensberry Ranges
upon delivery at the Home Station.

I. LOUGHNAN.

4th July, 1879.

N O T I C E.

A number of useless Curs are allowed to
prowl about on Kawarau Station by their
owners. This is to give them warning that
POISON will be laid wherever they are most
likely to get it.

JAMES COWAN.

October, 1877.

F O R S A L E.

8-h.p. horizontal Steam Engine and Boiler,
with winding and pumping gear

Several Sections in Cromwell

Cottage (furnished) and Section in Melmore
Terrace

Cottage and Section in Murray-street

Shop and Dwelling in Melmore-street

Cottage on Block IX.

Water-race of 12 heads (Lowburn)

Agricultural Lease Area of 200 Acres

Cromwell Coal Lease and Plant

Several Quartz-crushing Batteries

Bannockburn Water-race.

20 Acres, Freehold (fenced), adjoining Crom-
well.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,

Agent, Cromwell.

Cromwell

SWAN BREWERY,

CROMWELL.

G. W. GOODGER, Proprietor.

The Proprietor is now prepared to supply his
unrivalled XXXX ALES in any quantity, de-
livered throughout the District.

Orders left at the Commercial Hotel, Crom-
well, or at the Brewery, will be promptly at-
tended to.

G. W. GOODGER.

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND

General

BLACKSMITH & FARRIER,

Begs to intimate to Mining Companies and the
public generally that he has removed to

QUARTZVILLE,

where he hopes, by strict attention to business
and reasonable charges, to merit a share of the
public patronage.

CROMWELL

VETERINARY SHOEING FORGE,
MELMORE STREET.

ROBERT WISHART,

GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER, MACHINIST,
&c.

Every description of work in connection with
Mining and Farming Tools and Machinery made
and repaired on the premises.

Good Workmanship guaranteed at Reasonable
Prices.

R. W. begs to intimate to the public generally
that he has gone to the expense of fitting up a
CAST-IRON BED FOR TIRING WHEELS, being the
first introduced up-country; and in this branch
he will guarantee to give every satisfaction.

Horses shod on the latest and most-approved
principle.

Light shoes	...	10s.
Draught do.	...	16s.

N.B.—A large supply of Slesinger's Horse and
Cattle Medicines on hand.

**IMPORTANT TO WAGONERS, FAR-
MERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.**

NEW VETERINARY & SHOEING FORGE.

JAMES RICHARDS,

Having purchased the business as General Black-
smith and Horse-shoer in Cromwell, lately car-
ried on by Mr R. Cayford, begs to inform the
public that he is in a position to execute every
class of work in a most satisfactory manner at
reasonable prices.

In the Veterinary and Shoeing Department
the advertiser has considerable experience, and
in these branches can guarantee to suit those
who favor him with their patronage.

Horses carefully and skilfully treated for
all complaints.

Note the Address—

MURRAY STREET, CROMWELL,
Opposite Messrs Grant and MacKellar's offices.

SHERWOOD AND WRIGHT,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MER-
CHANTS, AND GENERAL

STOREKEEPERS,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

Having completed their arrangements for the
regular consignment of Goods suitable to the
market, Sherwood and Wright have pleasure in
intimating that they have now on hand, and
constantly arriving, full supplies of

**WINES, SPIRITS, PROVISIONS, AND
FAMILY GROCERIES**

of the very best quality obtainable, and which
will be found to compare most favorably as to
price with those of any establishment on the
Goldfields.

The Stock comprises every class of goods in
above line, so that it is unnecessary to give a
detailed list.

Messrs Sherwood and Wright have made
arrangements for a constant supply of

**FLOUR, BRAN, POLLARD, AND GENERAL
PRODUCE**

of the finest quality from the Wakatipu Mills.
In this line the firm can offer special value.

**GOODS DELIVERED TO ALL PARTS OF THE
DISTRICT.**

FAMILIES REGULARLY WAITED UPON.

S. & W. desire specially to state that they
have entered into arrangements for the regular
supply to them of

DAIRY PRODUCE

from one of the finest farms on the Taieri, an
advantage which they feel sure their customers
will fully appreciate.

Insurance Companies.

NORWICH UNION FIRE INSUR-

ANCE SOCIETY.

**RISKS TAKEN ON THE MOST
LIBERAL TERMS.**

JAMES MARSHALL,

Melmore-Street, Cromwell

[ESTABLISHED, 1859.]

**NEW ZEALAND INSURANCE
COMPANY.**

CAPITAL ... £1,000,000.

Accepts Fire Risks on every description of
property, at lowest rates.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH,

Agent, Cromwell.

C O B B A N D C O.'S
LIVERY STABLES,

LAWRENCE,

Will now be under the personal supervision of
Mr Craig.

HORSES & BUGGIES ALWAYS ON HIRE.

Horses Broken to Saddle and Harness.

H. CRAIG & Co.,
Proprietors.

CENTRAL REGISTRY OFFICE.

E. LYONS begs to notify the inhabitants of
Cromwell and District that he has OPENED a
REGISTRY OFFICE in conjunction with his
Fruiterer's Business in Dunedin.

Hotelkeepers, station owners and others can
rely upon obtaining suitable Servants of every
description.

E. LYONS

(Late J. R. L. Luke),

COMMISSION, LAND & ESTATE AGENT,
GEORGE-STREET, DUNEDIN.

KAWARAU COAL PIT,
BANNOCKBURN.

JOHN PRYDE, Proprietor.

The Coal supplied from above Pit is recognised
as the best yet vended in the district. It burns
freely, and emits great heat. It is delivered at

Cromwell	...	24s per ton.
Bannockburn	...	20s do.
At Pit's mouth	...	12s do.

FULL WEIGHT GUARANTEED.

JOHN PRYDE,

Proprietor.

WANAKA SAW-MILLS.

RUSSELL, EWING & CO.,

PROPRIETORS.

The Proprietors have placed the above Mills
in complete working order with the best appli-
ances obtainable and are prepared to supply
Manufactured Timber of every description;
Posts, Rails, Props, Slabs, &c. &c., at the
shortest possible notice, at reasonable prices
and on easy terms.

Orders punctually attended to and despatched
with promptitude.

RUSSELL, EWING & Co.,

WANAKA SAW MILLS.

VULCAN FOUNDRY.

Great King-street, Dunedin.

KINCAID, McQUEEN AND CO.,

Boilermakers, Engineers, Millwrights, Foun-
ders, Blacksmiths, &c.

All kinds of castings in Brass and Iron.

Steam Engines and Boilers made and repaired.

Overshot, Breast, and Turbine Waterwheels,

Quartz-crushing Machinery, Pumping and Wind-
ing Gear.

Cast-iron Sluice and Ripple Plates; Sheet-
iron Hopper and Sluice Plates, (punched to any
size of holes), Gold-dredging Spoons, etc.

Flour-mill Machinery.

All kinds of Reaping, Threshing, Horse-power
Machines made and repaired.

Improved Reaping Machines.

K., M'Q. and Co.'s improved Wrought-Iron

Piping for Fluming and Hydraulic Mining is the

best in use, and cheaper than canvas.

Hotels.

KIRTLEBURN HOTEL,
ROARING MEG.

T. GORMAN ... Proprietor.

The travelling public will find every comfort and accommodation at this hostelry.
Wines, Beer, and Spirits of best brands.

JOHN MARSH,
BRIDGE HOTEL,
CROMWELL.**VALUE FOR MONEY.****VICTORIA BRIDGE HOTEL.**

J. M'CORMICK ... Proprietor.

The above well-known Hotel (late Edwards') has undergone a thorough renovation at the hands of the present proprietor, and is now second to no house on the main road from Cromwell to Queenstown.

Travellers may rest assured that they will receive every attention at the above Hotel.

The excellent range of **STONE STABLES** is under the charge of an experienced Groom. Horses will therefore secure every attention.

BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,
DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN,
(On the Main Road to the Nevis).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions kept in Stock

The Goods, being obtained **DIRECT** from Dunedin, are retailed at the **LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.**

N.B.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

JOHN RICHARDS, PROPRIETOR.

VICTORIA HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

JAMES STUART,

(Late of the Ferry Hotel, Bannockburn.) Begs to intimate to his friends and the public that he has purchased the above Hotel, where he hopes, by strict attention to business, and by keeping the best Wines and Spirits, to merit a share of public patronage.

A first-class table kept, and superior eight-stall stone stable, replete with every convenience for Travellers. Unsurpassed in the District.

N.B.—The nearest Hotel to the Court-house.

CRITERION HOTEL,
ALEXANDRA.

HENRY TOHILL, Proprietor.

H. TOHILL begs to inform the Travelling Public that this Hotel possesses every convenience, and trusts, by strict attention to the comfort of Travellers and the Public generally, to merit their patronage.

PRIVATE PARLOR AND BEDROOMS.

Large and commodious Billiard Room and Alcock's Prize Table.

THE BEST OF WINES, SPIRITS AND BEER ONLY KEPT.

The Culinary Department Specially attended to.

GOOD STABLING.

PORT PHILIP HOTEL,
SUNDERLAND STREET, CLYDE.

JOHN COX, Proprietor.

This well-known Hotel possesses every accommodation; and J. C. begs to inform the Travelling Public that, to suit the times, he has determined on reducing the charges, which, from date, will be as follows:—

Stabling, per night	...	6s
Single Feed	...	2s
Meals and Bed, each	...	2s
Board and Lodging, per week	...	30s
Board only	...	20s

The Stables attached to the Hotel comprise, besides Stalls, Eight Loose Boxes. An efficient Groom always in attendance, and only the best of Provender kept.

Cobb and Co's. coaches arrive and depart from this Hotel.

THE BEST BRANDS OF SPIRITS, WINES, AND BEERS.

N.B.—A Private Cottage for Families, containing all the comforts of a home.

Hotel

BALLARAT HOTEL,
ARROWTOWN.

Mrs G. B. BOND, Proprietress.

The above Hotel is replete with every convenience and comfort, rendering it eminently suitable for the travelling public, while permanent boarders will find all the comforts of a home.

FIRST-CLASS STABLING
Efficiently managed.

Prize Billiard Table, with all accessories and careful attendance.

Cromwell

FOR SALE.

4,000 TOTARA and BLACK PINE POSTS.

Apply to

D. COLWELL, Pembroke.

FIRST-CLASS MINING INVESTMENT.

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE CONTRACT.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH has FOR SALE that splendid Mining Property known as ROWES' CLAIM, at the Kawarau Gorge, comprising the Claim (from which the yields are splendid), and Two Water-races, having a large and constant supply of water (the whole of one and one-half of the other), and commanding all the auriferous ground in the district.

The whole is in first-class order, yielding over £1200 per annum; and the Water-races, independently of their command of the mining ground, will always command a high value for irrigation purposes, for which they can be applied to all the agricultural country around, including the whole of the Cromwell Flat.

Every information will be given to bona fide purchasers, as well as satisfactory reasons for the disposal of the property. Terms easy.

**FREE TRADE BUTCHERY.**
(Wholesale and Retail).

JAMES DAWKINS - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

*Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.

**R. AND W. OLDS,**
FAMILY BUTCHERS,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

In thanking householders of the town and district of Cromwell for the liberal patronage conferred upon them since starting business, desire to say that they have entered into such arrangements as will enable them to continue to supply their Customers with Beef, Mutton, Pork and other articles in the trade of the very best quality.

SMALL GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

Families and Hotels waited upon daily.

**THE CROMWELL BAKERY.**

J. SCOTT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,
Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

THOMAS FOOTE,
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER

MELMORE TERRACE,

CROMWELL.

Choice Selection of Tweeds on hand

Stud Horses.

**THE THOROUGHBRED HORSE ARCHITECT**

Will Stand at Mount Fisa Station during this Season.

TERMS - £4 4s.

Season to end and Mares to be removed by 31st December, 1879.

Every care taken of Mares, but no responsibility incurred.

L. LOUGHNAN.

6th October, 1879.

THE PURE THOROUGHBRED ENTIRE HORSE HARUHA

Will Travel this Season

IN THE WAKATIPU AND CROMWELL DISTRICTS.

Commencing October 17, and calling every alternate week on Fridays at Cromwell, and at Perriam's Saturday and Sunday.

HARUHA is a Bay Horse, stands 15½ hands, with great substance and quality, good constitution and temper. Got by Towton—dam Fair Puritan by Oliver Cromwell out of Coronaria (imported), by Sweetmeat out of Jessica, by Launcelot, own brother to Touchstone.

Towton (imported), own brother to the Peer and Marchioness, by Melbourne—dam Cinizelli by Touchstone.

Haruha is full brother to Orange Lightning, half-brother to Sinking Fund, Roebuck, Tambourini, Atalanta, Papapa, Korari, and Puriri (winner of the Dunedin Derby and Christchurch St. Leger). He was bred by Mr Redwood, and sold in 1872 as a yearling for 400 guineas.

For further pedigree, see card.

TOM BEAUFORT,

Proprietor.

Arrowtown, Lake County,
8th September, 1879.

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MARQUIS OF LORNE, bred by J. F. Kitching, Esq., is a bright bay, rising three years old. Sire—Governor, bred by Mr Robert Charters, Moy, East Taieri; his sire is the illustrious stud horse Nimmo's Emperor by Napoleon, imported from Scotland, bred by Mr Macadam, Kepculloch. His sire is by Mr Buchan, of Coldraich's horse, and his dam a mare purchased from Lorn Campbell, Esq., of Roseneath. Emperor's dam, Nancy, a well-known Clydesdale mare, bred by Mr Alexander Findlay, Sandy Hills, near Glasgow. Nancy was got by the celebrated Garvary Horse, and her dam by Scotsman, the property of James Kirkwood, Kilmars. Dam—Matty (lately the property of Mr John Stevenson, East Taieri), by Thane of Clyde, bred by Mr Thomas Young, Renfrewshire, Scotland. Thane of Clyde's sire is the far-famed horse Surprise, bred by Mr Murdoch, Lanarkshire; his grand sire Wallace. Mr Stevenson sold Matty to Mr J. F. Kitching for 200 guineas. Matty's dam, Bell, is out of Duchess, imported from Tasmania. Matty was the winner of two first, three second and two third prizes at Dunedin, Taieri and Tokomairiro, prior to her being sold to Mr Kitching. Her dam, Bell, carried off no less than thirteen first, seven second and three third prizes. Duchess is the dam of the following noted Clydesdales:—Entires: Lord Glasgow (sold to Mr W. Holley, Canterbury), Rantin Robin (sold to Mr Carmichael), Surprise (sold to Mr J. Robertson) and Blair Athol (sold to same buyer). Mares: Jean; Bell (sold to Mr W. Holley); and Bay Filly (sold to Mr R. Gawn).

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October 6, 1879.

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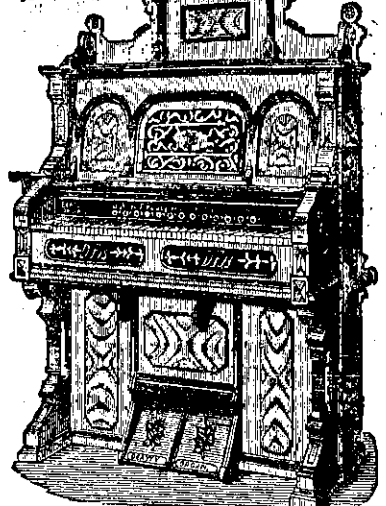
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Cromwell.

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DALGETY, NICHOLS AND CO., Agents for the above Dynamite, beg to call the attention of Contractors, Miners, and others, to the great strength of Dynamite compared with other explosives as shown below:—

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PERSEVERANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

The ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will take place at the Company's Office, on WEDNESDAY, 14th January, 1880, at 8 p.m.

Business: Election of Directors.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Manager.

PIPECLAY SLUDGE CHANNEL CO. (LIMITED).

The ordinary HALF-YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the School-house, Bannockburn, on WEDNESDAY, January 21st, at 8 p.m.

JAS. MARSHALL,
Manager.

PIPECLAY SLUDGE CHANNEL CO. (LIMITED).

A CALL of 1s per Share has been made Payable at the Company's Office, Cromwell, on WEDNESDAY, 14th January.

JAS. MARSHALL,
Manager.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

AN ENTERTAINMENT, MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC, Will take place in the CROMWELL ATHENÆUM, ON FRIDAY, 16th instant.

Proceeds to go towards a Children's Picnic on 23rd January.

Programme will appear next week.

W. T. WARD.

CROMWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL.

WARDSMAN & MATRON WANTED.

APPLICATIONS will be received to 13th January for the offices of Wardsman and Matron for the Cromwell Hospital. Duties to commence on 1st February, 1880.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Secretary.

NOTICE.

The newly-erected SCHOOL-HOUSE at Pembroke will be OPENED for public instruction by Rev. CHAS. CONNOR on TUESDAY, the 13th day of January ensuing.

ROBT. M'DOUGALL,
Secretary of Committee.

Pembroke, 22nd November, 1879.

IN THE ESTATE OF JAMES CROMBIE.

NOTICE.

A DIVIDEND of 12s in the £ is now payable at the office of the undersigned to all Creditors in above Estate who have duly proved their claims.

DAVID A. JOLLY,
Trustee.

NOTICE.

Preparatory to retiring from business in a few months, the undersigned begs to thank the public for their liberal support during the last 17 years, and requests that all Accounts now being rendered be paid on or before Christmas, in order to close the books for the year.

In the meantime, goods will be sold very cheap for cash, in order to ensure a speedy clearance.

HENRY NORMAN.

Albert Town, Nov. 14, 1879.

V.  R.

VINCENT RABBIT DISTRICT.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

I, JACKSON KEDDELL, the Returning Officer appointed for the Election of Trustees under "The Rabbit Nuisance Act, 1876," for the above District, do hereby Give Public Notice that the following is the number of votes received by each candidate at the Election of Trustees, which took place on Saturday, the third day of January, 1880:—

John Butler	21	Votes
James Cowan	29	"
William Fraser	40	"
Thomas Archibald Fraser	14	"
John Rymill Kemp	Nil	"
Patrick M'Gettigan	1	"
James Oliver	2	"
John Pitches	16	"
William Gilbert Rees	21	"
Robert Stewart	37	"
Henry Francis Willmott	32	"

And Whereas two of the above Candidates, namely, John Butler and William Gilbert Rees, have received an equal number of votes I do hereby give my casting vote in favor of the first-named, John Butler, and do further declare the following Candidates—

WILLIAM FRASER	JAMES COWAN
ROBERT STEWART	JOHN BUTLER
HENRY FRANCIS WILLMOTT	

who have received the highest number of votes, to be duly elected Trustees of the Vincent Rabbit District.

Given under my hand this 5th day of January, 1880.

JACKSON KEDDELL,
Returning Officer.
Resident Magistrate's Court House, Clyde.

THURSDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1880.
At 11 a.m.

At Goodger's Yards, Cromwell.

TO BUTCHERS, FARMERS & OTHERS.

Extensive Sale of
MIXED CATTLE.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH, will sell by public auction on Thursday, 8th January, 1880, commencing at 11 a.m., about 83 head of mixed cattle, as under—

15 MILCH COWS, with six Calves
8 YEARLINGS
20 Two-year-old STEERS
40 Head, 3, 4, 5, and six years (mixed sexes). All superior Stock and in fair to good condition.

The above Stock are from the herd of Mr A. M'Kenzie, of Long Valley, and will be found superior to anything hitherto offered in this market.

TERMS AT SALE.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Auctioneer.

SATURDAY, 10th JANUARY, 1880.

At 3 p.m.

AT BANNOCKBURN.

PROFITABLE BILLIARD SALOON.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH, is favored with instructions to sell on the ground, Bannockburn, on Saturday, January 10, 1880, at 3 p.m.,

That compact and highly profitable concern known as "Simpson's Billiard Saloon," together with the whole Premises and Furniture, including a Thurston and Co.'s Billiard Table, with requisites complete.

TERMS AT SALE.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CROMWELL.

Rev. J. FERGUSON will hold DIVINE SERVICE on Sabbath next, 11th instant, as under:—

Bannockburn	3 p.m.
Cromwell	7 p.m.

PUBLIC LECTURE.

REV. CHAS. CONNOR

Will deliver a Lecture in

THE SCHOOL-ROOM, CROMWELL,

On

FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 9th, 1880.

In aid of the Funds of the Cromwell Presbyterian Sabbath School.

Subject:

"THE LIFE AND TIMES OF JOHN KNOX."

Tickets of Admission 2s Each.

DUNEDIN CUP.

To be run on 26th February, 1880.

CONSULTATION FEE, £1.

First	£1000
Second	500
Third	300
Other starters (divided)	1000
Non-starters (divided)	2000
Total	£5000

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Applications should arrive before Monday, 23rd February, or they may be late.

Send Post Office orders or registered letters. Cheques should be crossed and have 1s exchange added.

Two postage stamps necessary.

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TOWN OF CROMWELL.

SALE BY AUCTION.

WEDNESDAY, 28th JANUARY, 1880.

At 1 p.m., sharp.

At the Town Hall, Cromwell.

FRONTAGES TO MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

The Corporation will offer FOR SALE by auction, on Wednesday, 28th January, at 1 p.m., sharp, at the Town Hall, 45 SECTIONS on the south side of Melmore-terrace, divided into suitable frontages.

The purchasers will obtain the right of possession in 30 days after sale, to allow removal of buildings in the interval.

No valuation for buildings will be allowed.

TERMS AT SALE.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Mayor.
Borough Chambers,
January 6th, 1880.

BIRTH.

At Bannockburn, on 1st January, the wife of Mr J. Handcock of a Daughter.

Cromwell Argus, AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

CROMWELL: TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1880.

A LETTER from Mr VINCENT PYKE is published in another column, in which that gentleman deals with the proposed narrowing of Melmore-street. We scarcely know whether to praise or pity the Member for Dunstan for putting his oar into the "Block IX." boat, which has been pitching about in troubled waters for years past. We rather incline to the side of pity, chiefly for the reason that Mr P. has not, while condemning the action of the Corporation, devised other means of getting quit of a recognised difficulty. Mr PYKE's letter only shows how easy it is to try to demolish other people's ideas when one is not called upon to erect something equally substantial in their place. As we remarked a couple of weeks back, it is bootless now to discuss the desirability or otherwise of finally fixing the width of the street at 57ft. But it is something to the purpose, and only right to remark that were the diminishment legally made and the land sold, it would really make no practical difference

in the width of the street as it has existed since the town was inhabited. Mr PYKE's letter carefully overlooks the fact that the street is built upon—encroachment though it may be—to the proposed 57ft line, and consequently either the Corporation must sell the land or forcibly remove some buildings back and altogether eject other occupants. Does Mr PYKE advocate the latter course by way of solving the difficulty? And if he does, has he the courage to carry it into effect? The position is one that has long been encompassed by sore troubles in this town; and cannot be disposed of in any perfunctory fashion. And it may therefore be assumed that the Mayor and Councillors, without "caprice" or "self-interest," but on good and competent legal advice, have deliberately come to the conclusion that their action is best for all parties. It may further be remarked that even at 57ft the main thoroughfare of Cromwell will be wider than that of either Clyde, Arrow, Queenstown, and probably the majority of Goldfields towns.

We confess to having a great respect for Mr PYKE's legal opinion on the laws under which we live. He assisted to make the Municipal Act of 1876, and therefore he should have some idea of what it is intended to convey. And here we may inform Mr PYKE, and the *Dunstan Times* also, that all things necessary to be done to narrow the street were so done months before the amending Act of 1878 came into operation. From this it will be seen that Mr STOUT's opinion did not touch the point, as "overt action" had been taken, and that to the full extent required by law. Mr PYKE's reading of the "two Acts," although against the action of the Cromwell Corporation, will scarcely stand investigation, and might give room for a "very dangerous precedent" in an opposite direction. He thinks that where a street exceeds 66 feet in width, the law recognises the right of a Council to "sell the surplus and grant a title." Apply this reading say to the town of Invercargill where the main streets are two chains wide, and what becomes of Mr PYKE's reading of the law? We can assure the Member for Dunstan that there is not a man in Cromwell who would desire to see the street narrowed were the circumstances not altogether exceptional, and if Mr PYKE will apply himself to a scheme whereby the difficulty can otherwise be satisfactorily surmounted, he will have the sincere thanks of Mayor, Councillors and burgesses.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

DUNEDIN, January 6, 11.20 a.m.

At the criminal sessions of the Supreme Court opened yesterday, Judges Williams and Gillies referred merely to the calendar. At Wellington Judge Richmond strongly advocated the retention of the grand jury system, as standing between the Government and the people, and preventing reactions and prosecutions. He said the committing magistrates had hitherto executed their duties in a highly commendable manner, but were liable to show favor in political prosecution towards Government, from whom they receive their bread and butter. He admitted the system was cumbersome, and much needed improvement, but it was a protection for the liberty of the subject. Judge Johnston, referring to the riots, trusted the good sense of the people, when they recovered the shock, would so demonstrate the absolute inability and folly of a small body of men attempting to act contrary to law by asserting their views and gratifying their passions at the expense of the community, as to prevent the necessity for laws being made of a coercive character. If, however, the peace of the community cannot be otherwise preserved, such laws must be passed. It was quite within the law using colors and emblems and marching in procession so long as this did not provoke a breach of the peace, and if interfered with in the exercise of that right the law will protect them. Judge Richmond said that in the Colony were hotbeds of vice owing to want of classification of prisoners.

The principal civil case for trial in Dunedin this session is that of "Meldrum v. Proudfoot," wherein the widow of a man killed in Castle-street claims heavy damages.

On taking his seat on the Bench yesterday Mr J. H. Harris, on behalf of the Bar, congratulated Mr Simpson, wishing him many happy New Years. Mr Simpson replied, expressing the pleasure he experienced in conducting business here, and hoped the pleasant relations between the Bar and himself would continue.

The Prince of Wales has abandoned his intention of visiting Australia next year, because he is unwilling to put the country to the expense of a visit in semi-royal state—the cost of which would not be less than the Indian visit—and because it is undesirable to leave England during the time of the general elections. Another reason is that, being aware of the strength of intercolonial jealousy, he is most unwilling to arouse such feelings, fearing if he visited the Melbourne Exhibition New South Wales would feel aggrieved at not being honored.

The Rev. Arthur Graves has been convicted of forging Archdeacon Edwards' name, and sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

The Thames mines paid £18,000 in dividends last month.

5,000 persons attended Major Macrorie's funeral on Sunday.

At Dunedin, the Grand Jury threw out the bills against John Winton for rape,

Andrew Lees and James Mitchell for larceny, and John Craig, manslaughter arising out of the last tramway accident. The trial of Arnold Mitton for embezzlement has to be taken to Christchurch. Chalmers Reid was sentenced to eight years—seven on the principal indictments, and six months on each of the two minor ones. Patrick Loughlin, for burglary, got two years; Thomas Emley, larceny, 12 months; Alex Nicholson, larceny, six months; John Bettman, stabbing, 12 months; Henry Fell, forgery, 12 months. The Grand Jury returned no bills against the brothers Stafford for arson at Otaria.

The Grand Jury has been discharged. Between £1,300 and £1,400 was taken as gate-money at the Caledonian gathering.

LATEST BY CABLE.

LONDON.

Parnell's visit to America is chiefly with the object of making speeches appealing for relief of the distress in Ireland.

ST. PETERSBURG.

There have been extensive discoveries of Nihilism in the ranks of the Russian army, and the penalties for Nihilism in the army reserve have consequently been largely increased.

CALCUTTA.

The Chiefs of the Khoestan tribes have submitted. Supplies are abundant at Cabul, and are arriving at Jellalabad. The tribes there are friendly, and our convoys at Peshawur are unmolested.

LONDON.

Gas shares are advancing.

The Cape Boers' agitation for an independent constitution is completely collapsing.

Wagner, the eminent composer, is seriously ill.

The quarter's revenue shows a large deficit. The Irishmen of New York have given Parnell an ovation.

INTERCOLONIAL.

SYDNEY.

A petition is being signed in favor of a commutation of the sentence passed on Scott and Rogan, the bushrangers.

There are 37 entries for the Australian Cup, and 28 in Melbourne for the Sydney Cup.

Mr A. Cameron announces a £5,000 consultation on the Dunedin Cup, to be run on 26th February next.

The result of the election of Rabbit Trustees for Vincent District is announced elsewhere by the chief returning officer, Major Keddell.

It will be seen by announcement elsewhere that the Rev. John Ferguson will preach at Cromwell and Bannockburn on Sunday next. Mr Ferguson will be resident among us for a time, and from what we have heard of him his ministry should prove highly acceptable.

As announced on THE ARGUS black-board on Friday, the Champion Stakes, ran on the Flemington course on New Year's Day, fell to First King; Wellington, second; Petrea, third. First King won easily by two lengths. Time, 5min. 40sec. Seven started.

In the wrestling contests at the Dunedin Caledonian Gathering, two old Cromwellians distinguished themselves. Robert Dagg won the Champion Match (Border style) prize £12 and gold medal; while Ben Hoare took first prize of £10 in the Cornish and Devonshire style.

A lecture is announced to be delivered in the School-room, Cromwell, on Friday evening next, by the Rev. Chas. Connor. The subject chosen—"The Life and Times of John Knox"—is one with which Mr Connor is thoroughly *au fait*, and as the object to be assisted is a worthy one, we hope to see a good attendance.

This afternoon a house on Cromwell Flat, beyond Hayes' dam, was completely destroyed by fire. The building was in occupation of a man named Begg, but we understand no one was on the premises when the fire broke out. It is said the building was insured with the New Zealand Co., but for what amount we have not heard.

James Guthrie, a resident of Cromwell for many years' past, was found dead this morn, in the house occupied by him opposite the Post-office. Deceased had not been seen about since Sunday and this caused some persons to visit his house, when they found the body lying on the floor fully dressed. An inquest was held this afternoon before Major Keddell, when a verdict was returned to the effect that deceased died from natural causes. Guthrie was a man of considerable talent in many ways, and although by nature quiet and reserved, was well liked and respected by all who knew him. As a musician he excelled on a variety of instruments, and for a length of time he was master in the Volunteer Band. By trade Guthrie was a mason, and recognised as a first-rate workman.

Information was given the local police on New Year's morning that a man known as John Lee had stolen a valuable horse, saddle, bridle, &c., from Morven Hills station, the property of James Massey. On enquiry, Sergt. M'Nally found that the individual "wanted" had been in Cromwell the previous evening, and had sold a saddle, &c., at auction. It was also discovered that Lee had coolly appropriated a saddle and bridle from Marsh's stables, and which belonged to Mr J. Dawkins. Thus easily and cheaply supplied with travelling gear, Lee made tracks from the town during the early hours of morning. The Sergt. at once telegraphed to Clyde, and during the forenoon Inspector O'Donnell had the pleasure of introducing himself to John Lee, and provided him with safe and comfortable quarters in the Clyde gaol, whence he will be brought to Cromwell on Friday to answer several charges laid against him. It is said that Lee has been recognised as an old offender named Christie, and rejoicing in quite a number of aliases. If this should prove correct, his speedy capture is matter for congratulation to all honest persons.

Mr D. Macrorie of the well known firm of Macrorie and Outhbertson, auctioneers, and Major of the Southland Volunteers, died on New Year's night of apoplexy. He was previously in good health.

We are indebted to Mr George Jenour, Registrar, for the vital statistics of the Cromwell division of the Dunstan district for the year 1879. During that period there were registered 53 births, 7 marriages, and 20 deaths. As compared with the previous year, there were 18 births and 1 marriage less, and 1 death more than in 1878.

Mary Lenahan, widow of "Billy the Bellman," living in a cottage near Puni creek, Invercargill, was burnt to death in her cottage on New Year's night. It was not at first known that she was within the building. Her remains were afterwards found. A man named Samuel Hawkins was lately committed for trial for alleged rape on the deceased.

In the number of "Chambers's Journal" received by last mail appears the first of a series of articles by Mr William Chambers on "Judge Bathgate's Experiences of New Zealand." The articles are calculated to do a great amount of good to the colony, and especially to Otago. It may not be generally known that to Mr Chambers belongs the honor of suggesting the name of the capital of Otago—Dunedin.

The telegraph operators in the chief offices throughout the colony are now on strike. The cause is attributed to a recent resolution on the part of the authorities to no longer allow "overtime" to the operators, and an extension of the ordinary hours of service. Great public inconvenience is likely to arise if the difficulty be not quickly settled. In this matter we think the Government has acted unwisely, and might have found many other branches of the civil service where the pruning-knife could be more judiciously introduced.

At the Timaru R.M. Court on 31st ult., before a full Bench, Patrick O'Connor, Patrick Shea, John Denihy, Lawrence Towers, Maurice Moynahan, and Thomas O'Driscoll were charged with taking part in the riot on Boxing Day. All were remanded to January 3rd. O'Driscoll is licensee of the Hibernian Hotel, from which the procession of Irishmen started. A letter was found from him on one of the other prisoners, which showed he had been the principal cause of the Waimate Irishmen coming up. Bail was refused in all cases. O'Driscoll's hotel was ordered to be closed till January 6th.

We are glad to see that the Dunedin papers are drawing attention to the exorbitant rates of carriage now charged for parcels forwarded up-country, and we trust they will keep showing the thing up until a remedy is provided. As it is at present, railways are merely an excuse for mulcting up-country tradespeople in greater cost for the transmission of their goods than prevailed when waggon came right through from Dunedin. We ourselves had an instance of this a few days ago. A parcel brought direct from Dunedin by waggon was charged 4s 6d, whereas similar packages forwarded by rail to Palmerston, thence by waggon, never cost less than 9s. This means that carriage by 36 miles of rail and agent's charges swallow up more money than is paid to a teamster who brings the goods 154 miles. The thing is a gross imposition.

The Lake Wakatipu Jockey Club annual races took place at Frankton on Friday and Saturday last. On the whole the meeting was very successful, although for some of the events the entries were rather limited. The Maiden Plate (15 sovs.) was won by Mr Ross' Tommy. The Frankton Handicap (30 sovs.) fell to Nabochilish, who had only speculation to contend against. The Wakatipu Handicap (20 sovs.) was carried off by the veteran Port Philip Buck, Frank Phillips steered Snowdrift over the timber successfully for the 20 sovs. prize in the Hurdle race. For the Novel, there were not sufficient entries to warrant a start. The Cromwell horse Haricot (8st 2lb) made his first win of the season in the Jockey Club Handicap (35 sovs.) beating Nabochilish (8st 7lb) by a head after a most exciting race. The consolation stake was won by Devonshire Lass.

We have received the *Presbyterian* for the current month. Among other items of interesting information we note the following as affecting the Cromwell district in the business before the Clutha Presbytery, which met on 17th ult.:—The rev. James Chisholm reported that he visited Cromwell and spent several Sabbaths in the parish. In the course of the conversation which arose in connection with his report, the rev. D. Borrie proposed and rev. J. Lothian seconded to this effect:—"The Presbytery expresses its regret that the Church Extension Committee did not see its way to send Mr Fergusson to Cromwell in accordance with the urgent wish of the Presbytery, and the urgent claims of Cromwell congregation." This motion was carried by a majority.

Regarding the recent riots, Saturday's *Daily Times* says:—If we are to judge by the information received from Christchurch and Timaru, the origin of the recent anti-Orange riot seems to have been very simple. Two Irish publicans, one in each place, took it into their heads to get up a bit of a "shindy," and they had, it appears, but to pass the word round, just as the "chapatties" were passed round before the Indian Mutiny, and the thing was done. They probably were astonished at their own success. It is not necessary to suppose that they expected matters to go so far as they did. The thing which, like Frankenstein, they called into existence, proved to be a monster which they could not control. If that which is alleged against these men is proved, they are just as guilty as a person carelessly throwing matches about, and possibly no more so. But if it turns out that an outbreak which has caused such excitement throughout the colony—has induced two Roman Catholic bishops and many priests to strongly and solemnly condemn the proceedings from the pulpit—has set Magistrates and Police and Volunteers laboring to work, and has resulted in the prosecution of about 20 persons—after all had its origin in the unpremeditated acts of two licensed victuallers anxious to bring custom to their houses, a somewhat ludicrous aspect is given to the whole affair.

At last week's meeting of the Waste Lands Board, Mr Charles Colclough, on behalf of Henry Searle, asked to be allowed to pay balance on section 1, block XXXVI., Cromwell, purchased in 1876, or to be allowed valuation on land when offered at auction. The District Land Officer wrote enclosing valuation of improvements. It was resolved—"That the section be offered with valuation to the amount of £40 for building; the Governor's approval to be obtained.

We have received Mills, Dick, and Co.'s Otago almanac and directory, with which is incorporated Rose's Southland almanac and Wise's shilling almanac. This publication is simply invaluable to business people, and should be found in every establishment throughout the country. For the farmer and gardener also the almanac possesses much important and interesting matter. The Goldfields directory we find to be wonderfully accurate and complete. Mr Hotop is agent for Cromwell.

Amended postal regulations, which came into force on 1st January, provide that letters posted within the colony, for delivery within the colony, if remaining unclaimed at the end of one clear month from the date of their receipt at the office of destination (instead of two months, as at present), are to be returned to the writers unopened, if the name and address of the sender are on the envelope; or otherwise through the Dead Letter Office. Letters bearing a request on the front of the envelope that they be returned to the sender (the name and address of the latter being on the envelope) within a certain time if not claimed, will be so returned: Provided that this regulation, and the one immediately preceding, shall not apply in respect of letters originating at any hotel, club, or place of public resort, unless the name of the writer or sender appear on the cover: Provided also that no unclaimed letter be returned in the manner aforesaid unless it shall have been in a post-office at least 10 days.

The precautions taken by the Dunedin authorities for preserving peace and order in the public streets on New Year's eve were crowned with the greatest success. On previous occasions the advent of the New Year in the city has been marked by a degree of turbulence, and even of wanton destruction of property on the part of a number of rowdies, whose conduct must have been excessively annoying to all peaceably-disposed citizens. It was determined that this state of things had lasted long enough, and this year most effective preparations were made for the prompt suppression of such scenes had they unfortunately taken place. Nearly 50 special constables were sworn in, and members of the various Volunteer companies were on parade till past midnight. The result of these preventive measures was that although the streets were crowded till nearly midnight order reigned supreme, and there was no attempt at disturbance beyond a comparatively limited display of fireworks and a few sham fights by a number of larrkins, who had no other means of getting rid of their superfluous energy.

There is an invention in the Machinery Hall of the Sydney Exhibition deserving of notice, partly for its novelty, but chiefly because it may be particularly valuable in this district for gold-mining purposes. We refer to Messrs Priestman Bros' patent dredger, or—to use fuller terms—patent crane and self-acting bucket and grab, which, it is said, can be worked with a very small amount of labor, one man only being required to lower, fill, lift and empty. The bucket is stated to be specially applicable for dredging purposes, and also suitable for lifting all kinds of loose material, for excavating hard material and for raising large coal, stones, &c. The patent was awarded a medal at the Paris Exhibition last year, and the patentees have received numerous flattering testimonials from companies which have used the apparatus. How far the apparatus is suitable for dredging our rivers for gold-mining purposes we are unable to say, but shall be happy to show plans and description received to persons who may be better able to judge for themselves.

The railway bridge, the destruction of which, attended by such fearful loss of life, was cabled last week, is the colossal work completed in 1877 by the North British Railway Company, giving direct communication between Dunedin and the South. This bridge formed a connection between the town and the North British railway system in Fife, and crossed the Firth of Tay about a mile and a half to the west of Dundee. The length of the bridge was nearly three miles, and it was therefore one of the longest bridges in the world. It consisted of 84 spans, their magnitude, commencing at the Fife end, being: three of 60ft, two of 80ft, 25 of 60ft, one of 155ft, and six of 27ft. The first 14 were founded on rock. At one end the piers were of brick; the remainder iron cylinders, filled with concrete, sunk into the river-bed; and these cylinders supported wrought-iron pillars about 15in in diameter, on which the superstructure rested. The bridge was high enough to allow of the passage under it of ships of heavy burden. It occupied nine years in building. A single line of railway traversed it, but the bridge was so constructed that a second line could have been added. Mr T. Bouch was the engineer.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not identify ourselves with the opinions expressed by correspondents.]

NARROWING MELMORE TERRACE.

To the Editor of THE CROMWELL ARGUS.

SIR,—Observing that considerable difference of opinion exists as to the action of the Cromwell Borough Council in re the proposition to cut off and sell a portion of the street-line in Melmore Terrace, I venture to trouble you with a few remarks thereupon.

In the first place it is noticeable that "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1876," does not anywhere give power to any Borough Council to "diminish" the width of a street. Section 186 empowers them only to divert, alter or widen any existing street—not to lessen the width. It is true that section 187 makes provision for the sale of surplus land, consequent on the "altering or diminishing the

width of any street." There is, therefore, an implied but not a direct authority for such diminishing, but owing to the absence of the phrase in the previous (empowering) section, I doubt whether the Courts would uphold the action of a Council in so "diminishing" the width. But beyond this there is another difficulty. The condition precedent to any alteration or diminution of the width of a street is clearly set forth in section 187, and it is, that "any part thereof is no longer required for public use." Surely this cannot be said of the main business thoroughfare of the flourishing Borough of Cromwell. Yet this must be clearly shown to be the case before the sale of any part of Melmore Terrace can be legally effected.

Section 8 of "The Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Act, 1878," seems to set the matter at rest by expressly prohibiting the Council from "reducing or altering" the width of any street in such a manner as that there shall be less than sixty-six feet available for the ordinary traffic of vehicles and passengers. I distinctly remember asking the late Attorney-General, Mr Stout, when that Act was passing through the House, whether the section referred to would have a retrospective effect where no overt action had then been taken, and he replied in the affirmative. I may add that I had the proceedings of the Cromwell Corporation in view when I so interrogated the Attorney-General.

My reading of the two Acts is, that where a street exceeds 66 feet in width the Council may sell the surplus and grant a title, but not otherwise; and that persons purchasing any portion of a street within the 66 feet will be made trespassers, any title granted by the Corporation to the contrary notwithstanding.

I offer these remarks in the public interest. If Melmore Terrace or Cromwell only were concerned it is probable that I should not have interfered. But I conceive that a very dangerous precedent is being established. If one Corporation is suffered, in defiance of the law, to reduce a street to a width of 57 feet, why may not others reduce their streets to 33 feet or any other width which may happen to satisfy the caprices or suit the interests of Councillors. And I feel very confident that an application by any burgess to the Supreme Court for an writ of *mandamus*, would result in a prohibition of the contemplated sale.—I am, &c.,

VINCENT PYKE.

Clyde, January 5th.

CATHOLIC CHURCH BAZAAR.

For some time past the ladies of the Roman Catholic congregation have been indefatigably canvassing the district far and near in order to carry out the intention of having a Bazaar during the Christmas holidays to raise funds for the purpose of effecting improvements and alterations in the Catholic Chapel here. Their efforts culminated in the dazzling display that met the eye of visitors to the Athenaeum on the nights of the 26th and 27th of December.

The scene of the display was very tastefully and prettily decorated with boughs and flowers, and on the two long goods stalls on either side of the room were to be found articles of all descriptions and values "from needles to anchors—one of the most perfect blendings of the *utile cum dulce* that could be found. The top of the hall was occupied by a refreshment stall, which, owing to the warmth of the weather and the general thirst that prevails about Christmas time, was most liberally patronised. It is scarcely worth while to enter into particulars of the contents of the different stalls, as nearly everybody in the district paid the hall a visit, and saw for themselves. During the two evenings of the Bazaar Mr Whetter, with a very efficient band, played selections of music in front of the Hall, which attracted a large crowd. The latter adjourned to the Athenaeum, where of course it had to undergo the usual assault from batteries of pleading eyes and voices, with terrible effect so far as pockets were concerned. There was the usual amount of merriment at the frequent incongruous disposal of the various articles, such as cradles and infantile garments falling to the lot of confirmed old bachelors. We believe that articles of the latter class in one or two instances also became the property of certain individuals who are on the point of matrimony.

The Bazaar was under the control of Mrs Gudgeon, who took charge of the stall on the right-hand side, in the management of which she was ably assisted by Misses Solomon, Murrell, Burke, Smith, and other ladies. The left-hand stall was presided over by Mrs Corse, assisted by Misses Goodger, Grogan, and several other young ladies, all of whom exerted themselves as ladies can do when they make up their minds. The refreshment stall was under the control of Mrs R. Brown and Miss Webb, and there was every sign of its being well conducted and patronised.

On Monday evening an auction sale of the surplus from the Bazaar was held by Mr Colclough in the Athenaeum Hall, at which the good-humored and spirited competition both for valuables and trifles proved there was no want of interest on the part of the public towards a worthy object.

Altogether, the Bazaar was a splendid success, as the gross amount (£230) will clearly show. Great credit is due to the ladies who had the management of the affair for bringing it to so successful an issue.

On each night of the Bazaar the hall was crammed, there being at times difficulty in forcing one's way through the crowd. It is very pleasing to relate that not a single unpleasant circumstance arose—glee and good humor being the order of the day.

THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

The advent of the year 1880 was not marked in Cromwell by any exceptional feature—unless it was by a little more quietness and self-control on the part of those who think it the correct thing to welcome the opening year by an unwonted display of animal spirits, which in former years has prompted acts of mischief and even wanton destruction of property; happily we have nothing of this sort to chronicle. A little bell-ringing, the explosion of a few crackers, and the usual hurrah of welcome on the stroke of midnight, and in a short while the town assumed its usual quiet. One or two parties indulged in the time-honored custom of "first-footing," and, generally, an air of good order and respectability pervaded the community.

The first morning of the New Year opened magnificently, giving promise of a fine day for the enjoyment of the various amusements provided throughout the district. The principal of these were sports at Lowburn and Quartzville, and a Volunteer parade and review in Cromwell. Taking advantage of the glorious weather, a good many town parties were made up to visit the sports, and traps of all kinds were in requisition. In Cromwell the day passed very quietly, while at the Lowburn and Quartzville the amusements were very heartily enjoyed. Taking the various events in order, we commence with

THE VOLUNTEERS

About eleven o'clock from 40 to 50 members had mustered in the drill-hall, whence, headed by the Band, the company marched through the town, halting in front of the Council Chambers. Here a general salute was given, after which Captain Brown inspected the arms, accoutrements &c., with the condition of which he expressed great satisfaction. A supply of blank ammunition having been served, the men were marched to Mr Goodger's paddock beyond the Government buildings. Refreshments having been served, Lieut. Jolly took command, and put the company through a variety of skirmishing drill, and the usual exercises of review. About two, the men were dismissed, to meet again at the Butts to fire for prizes given by the commissioned and non-commissioned officers. Nineteen members entered, the match being a handicap, distances, 200 (8in-bull's-eye) 400 and 500 yards, seven shots at each. The prizes were—a handsome oleograph, (presented by Lieut. Jolly) two fine volumes of natural history, (by sub-Lieut. Colclough) a cup (by Vol. Hotop) and several sums in cash. The entry-money was apportioned as range prizes. Appended are the scores of those who made over 50 points, the first seven being the prize-takers. The asterisk denotes first range prizes, and the dagger second:—

	Hdcp.	200 Yds.	400 Yds.	500 Yds.	Tl.
Vol. P. Thomas	—	20	25*	22*	—67
Lieut. Jolly	—	28*	25*	13	—66
Corp. Menzies	8	18	24	15	—65
Vol. Pryde	4	21†	21	17	—63
Sergt. Crabb	6	20	24	10	—60
Vol. Aitken	—	18	21	20†	—59
Sergt. Story	4	19	23	13	—59
Corp. Graham	6	20	17	12	—55
Bugler Richards	12	17	18	8	—55
Vol. Scott	6	19	21	8	—54

LOWBURN SPORTS.

The Lowburn annual New Year Sports were held in Mr Perriam's paddock, and the fine weather drew together a large gathering to witness and join in the liberal programme provided. The following are the results of the various events, all of which were fairly and pluckily contested:—

MAIDEN PLATE, of 5 sovs. Half-mile heats; welter weight for age. Open to all horses that have never won money on a public racecourse. Entrance, 7s 6d.

Kane's Maori Chief, 12st 4lbs ... 1

Ellis' Grey Momus, 12st 4lbs ... 2

100YDS HANDICAP FOOT RACE. Open to all comers that have never won an advertised foot race.—1st prize, 30s; 2nd, 15s; 3rd, 10s. Entry, 2s 6d.

Simpson, 1; Bethune, 2; Collins, 3.

RUNNING HOP-STEP-AND-JUMP.—1st prize, 30s; 2nd, 15s. Entry, 2s 6d.

Howie, 1; Muter, 1.

100YDS SACK RACE.—1st prize, 20s; 2nd, 10s. Entry, 2s.

J. Robertson, 1; G. Partridge, 2.

WRESTLING (Border Style).—1st prize, 40s; 2nd, 20s. Entry, 2s 6d.

Howie, 1; Barnett, 2.

SLOW HANDICAP, of 6 sovs, with a sweep of 10s; second horse to receive 20 per cent. of amount run for. Open to all horses that have never won an advertised race of more than £10. Distance, one mile.

Kane's Maori Chief, 10st 6lbs ... 1

H. Partridge's Blinkbonny, 9st 2lbs ... 2

Rowdy, Schomberg, Grey Momus and Maid of the Castle also started.

150YDS THREE-LEGGED RACE.—1st prize, 40s; 2nd, 20s. Cut for partners. Entry, 2s 6d.

Howie and D. Robertson, 1; J. Goodger and W. Richards, 2.

200YDS HANDICAP FOOT RACE.—1st prize, 40s; 2nd, 20s; 3rd, 10s. Entry, 2s 6d.

Howie (scratch), 1; Muter (scratch), 2; G. Partridge (5yds), 3.

RUNNING HIGH LEAP.—1st prize, 30s; 2nd, 15s. Entry 2s 6d.

This event resulted in a tie between Muter and Rae, who divided the two prizes.

100YDS EGG-AND-SPOON RACE.—1st prize, 20s; 2nd, 10s. Entry, 1s.

Howie, 1; G. Partridge, 2.

STANDING HIGH JUMP.—1st prize, 30s; 2nd, 15s. Entry, 2s 6d.

Howie, 1; Muter, 2.

VAULTING WITH THE POLE.—1st prize, 30s; 2nd, 15s. Entry, 2s 6d.

Howie, 1; G. Partridge, 2.

100YDS BOYS' RACE (Handicap).—1st prize, 25s; 2nd, 10s; 3rd, 5s. Entrance, 1s.

J. Goodger, 1; D. Robertson, 2; J. Ritchie, 3.

50YDS CHILDREN'S RACE.—1st prize, 10s; 2nd, 7s 6d; 3rd, 2s 6d.

M. Pierce, 1; O. Pierce, 2; J. Perriam, 3.

STEP DANCE (Hornpipe).—1st prize, 30s; 2nd, 10s. Entry, 2s.

Chapman, 1; Howie, 2.

The remainder of the night was spent in dancing, all enjoying themselves to the fullest extent, and as the early hours of the morning made their appearance the happy couples started off to their respective homes.

QUARTZVILLE SPORTS.

This gathering was well attended by the residents, and there was also a good sprinkling of visitors from other parts, in consideration of whom a start was not made until after the appointed time, giving an opportunity for sharing in the enjoyment to those coming a long distance. The success of the day was attributable in a great measure to the weather. The following are results of the various events, which were in most cases warmly contested:—

QUOITS (15yds).—1st prize, 20s; 2nd, 10s.

T. Walker, 1; W. Sullivan, 2.

QUOITS (18yds).—1st prize, 25s; 2nd, 15s.

W. Sullivan, 1; E. Tupker, 2.

STANDING JUMP.—1st prize, 20s; 2nd, 10s.

J. Peake, (8ft 11in), 1; C. Angel, 2.

EGG-AND-SPOON RACE (200yds).—1st prize, 10s; 2nd, 5s.

A. Partridge, 1; A. Kay, 2.

VAULTING.—1st prize, 20s; 2nd, 10s.

W. Burrows, (7ft 9in), 1; W. Lake, 2.

FLAT RACE (100yds).—1st prize, 20s; 2nd, 10s.

A. Partridge, 1; New Chum, 2.

MARRIED WOMEN'S RACE (100yds).—1st prize, box of tea; 2nd, pair kid boots.

Mrs Kay, 1; Mrs Taylor, 2nd; a 3rd prize was awarded to Mrs Herbert. This was one of the principal attractions of the day, there being a large number of competitors, and great excitement prevailed. A Consolation Stake was raised independent of this particular event, which was won by Mrs Smith.

SINGLE WOMEN'S RACE (150yds).—1st prize, 15s; 2nd, 10s.

Kitty Wrightson, 1; Maggie Barnes, 2.

There being a surplus of cash in hand it was resolved by the committee to arrange a programme for Saint Patrick's Day next, which will be published in due course.

BANNOCKBURN SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNUAL PICNIC.

The annual picnic of the Bannockburn Sunday School was held on Deep Lead Terrace on the 30th ult. The very fine weather, coupled with the interest always taken in these matters by residents in the district, brought together a large concourse of people, and amongst the crowd might be seen a goodly sprinkling of visitors from Cromwell, Bendigo, Lowburn, and other places. The particularly distinctive feature of the day, and what mainly contributed to its success, was the presence of the Cromwell Brass Band, under the able conductorship of Mr W. H. Whetter.

The sports consisted of some 20 events of various kinds. The principal race for boys, viz., the 100yds Handicap Foot Race, resulted as follows:—T. Champion, 1; A. Ritchie, 2; C. Burrows, 3.

The Girls' 100yds Handicap was won by M. Barnes; E. Burrows, 2; S. Geer, 3.

A closely contested vaulting match was decided in favor of T. Champion, A. Ritchie being 2nd, and C. Burrows, 3rd.

The Single Women's Race of 100yds gave Miss Barnes a good first; Miss Angel, 2; Miss Lawrence, 3; Miss Burrows, 4.

The Married Women's Race, 100yds handicap, resulted in a dead heat between Mrs Goldsmith and Mrs Taylor. The stakes were accordingly divided.

In the evening a concert was held in the schoolroom, which was filled with a respectable and attentive audience. The band opened both parts of the evening's programme, and performed at intervals in a most efficient style selections of music, its presence being an agreeable novelty at an entertainment of the kind here. The children of the school sang choice selections from Sankey's hymns, being accompanied on the harmonium by Mrs Watson and on the violin by Mr Burrows. These were correctly rendered and enthusiastically received. Miss Annie Jones gave two recitations in her usual happy style, and Miss Annie Ball displayed the wonderfully retentive powers of her memory in the recitation of 39 verses of poetry. Among the vocal performances may be specially mentioned that of Mrs Herbert and Mr McGregor in the duets "Gipsy Countess" and "The Minute Gun at Sea." These were tastefully sung, and much applauded. Miss Tippet sang "Sweet Belle Malone" (with chorus), and was, as always, successful in her rendition, and much applauded. Miss Nutsford in the song and chorus, "Won't you Buy my Pretty Flowers," exhibited her very sweet voice in such a

manner as to charm the audience. The duet, "With Love and Thee," Miss Nutsford and Mr Aitken rendered well, notwithstanding the severe cold with which that gentleman was afflicted. Mr Burrows sang tastefully "The Gipsy's Warning," and, last but not least, Mr J. H. Stephens excited the humorous faculty of the audience by his comical ability displayed in "Courtin' in the Rain," receiving loud and prolonged encores. Mrs Watson was indefatigable as an accompanist on the harmonium.

In every way, but best of all pecuniarily, the affair was a complete success.

ARROWTOWN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

January 3.

After a great deal of turmoil and excitement otherwise yept amusement, we have at last safely launched into the year 1880. A retrospect of the past 12 months offers no items of a particularly bright nature—it is about sufficient consolation for those who managed to scramble through it, to have seen the end of it—and the least said the soonest mended. The future having cast a dark and ominous shadow before it by way of numerous prophecies, it will be the wisest plan to concern ourselves with the present and improve the shining hours as best we may.

After the sessions of 1879 matters politic and gubernatorial do not open propitiously for 1880. The new Land Act, as far as this district is concerned, is *non este*, and amongst those interested in the matter to which it relates there is no end of grumbling, varied by blessings remarkable for their vehemence and fervency. The Land Officer is besieged by enquiring parties whom he is utterly unable to satisfy, as he has not yet received a copy of the Act, although it is proclaimed, gazetted, &c., and law where it is known. The Government are certainly to blame for an oversight of such a nature, and no excuse can lessen or ameliorate the vexatious annoyance that is caused by this culpable neglect on the part of the Government.

On New Year's Day the Arrow District Hospital was opened by a picnic, at which a fair number of subscribers and others attended. Some blame attaches to those who had the management of the affair, as the first public intimation of the event was only given on the day appointed for its celebration. On this account the holiday-makers were not so numerous as would otherwise have been the case, and the whole affair bore the mark of an impromptu get up. However, those present enjoyed the outing, the weather being all that could be desired. The hospital, which was thrown open for inspection, came in for its share of approbation. The building is handsome, compact, and of a most substantial character, its situation is picturesque, and commands a fine and extensive view. If the spirit which put the hospital in its present prosperous condition is maintained, there can be no doubt that it will be an acquisition to the district.

The excursion trip from Dunedin and intermediate towns to Queenstown has proved successful. No less than 200 excursionists availed themselves of the facilities offered on New Year's Day to have a peep at our lake and mountains.

A case of sunstroke occurred the other day at Miller's Flat to a lad about 12 years of age. The boy, a son of Mr James Hamilton, was ploughing when the lad was struck down; however, he managed to reach a water-hole, where he was found by his father. The boy is now progressing favorably, and is all but recovered.

The Hospital Committee at its meeting on Friday last completed the arrangements of the institution necessary for the reception of patients.

The vacancy in the Borough Council of Arrowtown has been filled by the election of Mr James Reid, one of our oldest residents and most successful farmers.

Although not very successful at wishing, of which my epistles are sufficient proof, I venture, in conclusion, to wish my readers a Happy New Year, the dreadful prophecies to the contrary notwithstanding.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN NEWS.

[BY CABLE.]

(FROM DUNEDIN DAILIES.)

LONDON, December 29.

The Czar has consented to divide the Government of Russia with the Czarevitch. A proclamation has been issued granting the right of rural municipal self government in Siberia.

NEW YORK, December 29.

A fire in Boston destroyed many public and private buildings, occasioning much distress.

THE TAY BRIDGE DISASTER.

LONDON, December 30.

In connection with the Tay disaster, the officials at the Dundee side saw the train advancing from the Fifeshire shore. There was then a sudden flash of light extending from the bridge to the water. Wondering at the non-arrival of the train, the officials, traversing the bridge, found a sudden gap in the centre where the train, consisting of an engine, van, and six carriages had been engulfed in the water. 13 lattice girders, covering upwards of half a mile, had fallen. It is believed the terrific force of the gale meeting with resistance from the passing train caused the disaster. None were saved. It is now understood that the passengers numbered about 90. The mails floated ashore. There is much wreckage in the river. Divers have been employed to search for the bodies. A Government inquiry has been ordered.

December 30.

It now transpires that none of the passengers on the Edinburgh-Dundee train, which fell through the Tay bridge, were saved. There

were in all 90 victims. The gap in the bridge was half a mile long. The actual cause of the collapse of the structure is unknown.

December 29.

The divers employed at the Tay railway bridge have found the carriages, but no bodies up to the present.

January 1.

The divers have found portions of the train, and some of the bodies have been recovered. Subscriptions for the relief of the widows and orphans have been started.

The British revenue returns for the December quarter show a decrease of half a million compared with the corresponding quarter of last year.

MADRID, December 29.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to assassinate the King of Spain. As he was entering the Royal Palace at Madrid, Gonzales, a Galician waiter, fired a pistol at his Majesty, but the shot missed. The assassin has been arrested.

CALCUTTA, December 29.

Cabul is quieting. An active pursuit of the enemy is going on. General Baker is pursuing the Kohistanis.

ST. PETERSBURG, January 1.

The Empress of Russia is recovering from her recent attack of pleurisy.

LONDON, January 1.

Sir Garnet Wolsely will return from the Cape this month.

Mr Parrell, M.P., has gone to New York.

BOMBAY, January 1.

The dispersion of the Afghans has been complete. The enemy lost 3000 killed.

CONSTANTINOPLE, January 3.

The difficulty between England and Turkey has been compromised, and the resumption of diplomatic relations is probable to-day.

LONDON, January 2.

A fund has been initiated to compensate Edmund Gately, who, it was discovered some time ago, had been wrongfully sentenced to penal servitude for life, and for whom a free pardon was sent to Australia, where he was living at the time.

General Sir Evelyn Wood has, by command of her Majesty the Queen, been directed to accompany the ex-Empress Eugenie on her visit to Zululand next month.

Trotting in America.

Amongst the festivities got up in honor of General Grant, on his return to the United States, was a trotting entertainment at San Francisco, in which the following remarkable performance came off:—

St. Julien was called, and when he made his appearance he was greeted with a round of cheers. He was to trot for a purse of 5000dols., the conditions being that he was to beat the time of Rarus, 2.13½. It was considered so hopeless a task that there was no one rash enough to take longest odds that he would accomplish it. 50 to 20, 50 to 10, 50 to 5, was vociferated, without eliciting a response, and all the eloquence of the pool-seller was wasted to find a customer on even slower time. Rarus attempted the same feat on the same track, and was forced to succumb, though he reached within three-quarters of a second of it, and many held it a superior performance to that at Buffalo. In order that every safeguard should surround old Father Tempus, and there might not be a shadow of doubt cast on the performances, additional timers were appointed. The timers were C. W. Kellogg, H. A. Mayhew, C. G. Clinch, Eli Denison, and J. R. Martin. In addition to these there were others in the stand and on the ground directly under the wire who were as careful in making the time as were the officials. A few times St. Julien came rushing past in the final lumbering of the muscles, and steeling the nerves for a great task. Hickok decided to have him trot this heat without a runner to accompany him, confident his own high spirit would be stimulus enough in the first trial, and that he would reserve the companion for the next. At last Hickok nodded his head to signify his readiness for the start, and away he swept at a rate which even the unpractised eye could see was very fast. A clear, clean stroke. No clambering, dwelling or sprawling, the very perfection of trotting action, and with such a gallant bearing that old frequenters of the track, men who had seen trotting from the time antedating Lady Suffolk's days, pronounced him the beau ideal of the American trotters. He reached the quarter pole in 33 seconds, and it was evident that this tremendous rate of speed was accelerated when going down the grade on the back quarter, and he flew past the fence posts like the black horse through the forests of the Hartz Mountains. The half-mile was made in 1.5½, the regular stride still being retained, no attempt to change his feet, or a wabble which would suggest a break. It is difficult to tell exactly the time of the three-quarters from the judges' stand, though 1.40 was given, which was probably nearly right. Down the homestretch he kept up the uniform stride, until he reached the grand stand, when the cheers exhilarated him to still greater exertions, and from the distance post in, no one ever witnessed a greater flight of trotting speed. General Grant clapped his hands and hurraed, the imperatible Sharon joined in the ovation, and the thousands present took up the refrain, and hurled cheer upon cheer as the driver came to dismount. Those were anxious moments as Hickok dismounted from the sulky and came to the weighing stand, for all of this glory would be worthless if he lacked one pound of the 150 which the rules require. Up went the beam, one and a half pound over weight; the presiding judge announces the great feat accomplished—St. Julien has won. When the blackboard was hung out with the magical figures blazoned on it, the cheers were redoubled, and it was minutes before the welcoming shouts came to an end. Here was a fitting testimonial to the chieftain who had received the plaudits of a world, and those who believe in the doctrine of metempsychosis—if such were there—must have recognised some grand old-time spirit animating St. Julien on this occasion. The gallant horse stood quietly in front of the judges' stand as though he was fully aware of the distinction he had gained. The emperor of the tracks was dethroned, and the sceptre held on the shores of the Pacific.

PROVINCIAL AND COLONIAL.

Chiarini's circus is expected to open in Dunedin about the 13th January.

The "New Zealand Accident Insurance Company" is the latest project before the public.

Pastor Chiniquy has arrived at Auckland and been cordially received by the Protestant clergy.

During the present season the Canterbury Acclimatisation Society has distributed 35,000 young trout.

Stamp duties came into operation in Victoria last week. All receipts above £5 and cheques are subject to penny stamps.

The man Elisha Harris, who was stabbed in Dunedin by one of two young fellows who broke into his house early on last Tuesday morning, is progressing favorably.

No octogenarians died in New Zealand during November, 1879, but the deaths of two septuagenarians occurred, both females—one aged 76 at Dunedin, and one aged 75 at Christchurch.

A new idea in advertising has been started by the Associated News and Advertising Bureau, of Auckland, in the shape of an "advertising paper dinner napkin," the first of the kind in the colony.

Two boys (brothers) named Albert Harry Stafford and George Henry Stafford, alias George Thomas, have been committed to take their trial for arson at Otara, at the next sitting of the Supreme Court at Lawrence.

On Christmas eve, 100 cases of paraffin, stored near Akaroa Lighthouse, were destroyed by fire. Nothing is known as to the cause. Luckily the storehouse was some distance from the main building, and the lighthouse escaped.

At a recent meeting of the Canterbury Acclimatisation Society, speaking of the sparrow pest, one member said that a 40-acre paddock of early barley, which a fortnight ago looked as though it would yield 60 bushels per acre, had since been visited by the sparrows, and would not now give 20 bushels per acre. A paddock of early oats in the Leeston district, which gave promise a few weeks ago of turning out a splendid crop, is now so much shelled as not to be worth cutting. The owner intended to burn it. One speaker mentioned that a field of young turnips had been nipped off and completely destroyed by sparrows.

There are no fewer than 180 locomotives at work on the New Zealand railways at the present time. Of these 60 belong to the North and 120 to the South Island. The variety of type is very remarkable, there being no fewer than 21 classes, of which as many as 19 are in use on one line, the Christchurch-Invercargill. This must greatly increase the expense of repairs, renewals, &c., by requiring so many spare parts to be kept, as of course, what was made for an engine of one class would not suit one of any other class. On the Christchurch-Invercargill line 111 engines are employed, 20 of them being goods engines of great size and enormous power, in addition to 14 Fairlies.

There is nothing like a frank, simple way of stating things. For instance, there is Mr John C. O'Brien, who lives "on the Chilli road," near Rochester, and presents this delicate suggestion through the columns of the Rochester Union:—"I would respectfully suggest to the tourists who visit our neighborhood at night for the purpose of stealing fruit, that they provide themselves with cards bearing their names and addresses, for the purpose of facilitating the identification of their bodies by the coroner, and securing the prompt transmission of their remains to their sorrowing relatives."

The men at work on the Hindon branch of the Otago Central railway, about 12 miles from Mullocky Gully, do not appear to be at all satisfied with the treatment they receive at the hands of the Government. One of the men who waited on us (*Daily Times*) yesterday stated that for a period of two months the men were not paid at all, and though they worked over 10 hours a day they scarcely earned enough to pay for their "tucker." They also complain bitterly of the price they have to pay for their rations at the only available store, mutton being charged to them at the rate of fivepence per pound. The men intend to hold a meeting shortly, either in town or at Mount Allen Creek, in order to bring their grievances prominently under the notice of the Government.

The serious depression which has so long existed in every industry throughout this district has not been lost sight of by W. TALBOYS, who happily has been in a position to mitigate the evil to some extent by selling his Drapery and other Stock at prices lower than ever. By judicious cash purchases while the market was favorable, the proprietor of London House secured large stocks of splendid goods for spring and summer wear, and which he is enabled to dispose of at prices never before known in Cromwell. Every article of its kind is good and substantial, and will be found full value. Call and inspect before purchasing.—W. TALBOY'S London House, Cromwell.—[Advt.]

Holloway's Ointment.—Sores, wounds, ulcerations, and other diseases affecting the skin, are amenable by this cooling and healing unguent. It has called forth the loudest praise from persons who have suffered for years from bad legs, abscesses, and chronic ulcers, after every hope of cure had long passed away. None but those who have experienced the soothing effect of this Ointment can form an idea of the comfort it bestows, by restraining inflammation and allaying pain. Whenever this Ointment has been once used it has established its own worth, and has again been eagerly sought for, as the easiest and safest remedy for all ulcerous complaints. In neuralgia, rheumatism, and gout, the same application, properly used, gives wonderful relief.

LIFE OF "CAPTAIN MOONLIGHT."

Captain Moonlight's real name is Andrew George Scott, and he is a native of Dublin (though he says he was born in County Down), Ireland. He was born in the year 1845, and is therefore now 34 years of age; his height is 5ft. 8in., and he weighs about 10st 8lb. His father was a minister of the Church of England, in the religion of which Church the subject of our notice was carefully trained. His father originally intended the boy to study for the Church, but, finding that he was of a too lively disposition, he allowed him to choose his own calling. We thus find him in 1856, at the age of 11 years, a cadet on board H.M. ship *Britannia*, and a relic given to the lad by his affectionate mother, which was accidentally discovered the other day in the possession of a Mrs Sherwood (widow of the late Captain Pile), shows what the parent's feelings were on that occasion. It is a Bible, given to the boy on leaving home, and bears the following inscription, expressive of a loving mother's wishes:—"From Bessie Scott to her son, A. G. Scott, wishing that he may read, mark, learn, and digest these blessed contents. Born in Dublin 1845, baptised 1846." In 1859 we find him fighting under Garibaldi in Italy.

On 19th August, 1861, he left London for Auckland, New Zealand, in the ship *Black Eagle*, as a practical engineer. In New Zealand he enlisted as a Volunteer, and joined the campaign against the tribes of revolted Maoris, and continued until he was wounded, being shot in both legs. The slugs were extracted, but they left their marks. The next move was to the United States of America, where he joined the Northern army. In 1867 he turned up in Melbourne for a short time, whence he went on a cruise (probably of "blackbirding") to the South Sea Islands. In 1869 he returned to Sydney in Captain Pile's schooner, and as the latter had a good opinion of Scott he took him to his own house, where he resided for some time. And it is at that place he left behind him the Bible previously referred to, amongst other articles in a box.

Fighting seems to have been Scott's real calling. The air of the mountains of Calabria and New Zealand, or the plains of America he loved to breathe, and found himself a stranger amongst settled society in Sydney. And here we hear of the first crime, for soon after his arrival he was sentenced on 20th and 21st December 1870, at Darlinghurst sitting, to 18 months' imprisonment in Maitland gaol for uttering a cheque.

Facilis descensus averni! The first false step was made, and the downward career had begun, and now he employed all his ingenuity in warring against society. He was tried and convicted upon two charges of forgery, for which he was sentenced to 12 and 18 months' hard labor in Maitland gaol; concurrent sentences. He was sent from Darlinghurst gaol to Maitland on 6th January, 1871, and was received back to Darlinghurst again on 30th March, 1872, under remand, charged with assault and robbery. He behaved himself well in gaol, but his mind got deranged; he was sent to Parramatta Lunatic Asylum and soon recovered. He was discharged on 6th April, 1872, receiving his full remission from Parramatta gaol. He then went to Melbourne, and having excellent introductions, which he obtained from his parents in the meantime, and being a plausible fellow, he was appointed lay reader by Bishop Perry, and sent to Barchus Marsh to assist the Rev. Thomas Cooper. He was a favorite with some, though a few considered him a scamp and a hypocrite, and many insisted that he was mad, and all the marvellous tales he was narrating of his prowess were pure inventions. A short time after he was removed to Ballan, Victoria, and then to Egerton, where the great bank robbery was accomplished by him so cunningly as to defy detection. The robbery, by which the bank lost many thousands of pounds, was very cleverly planned and executed. For this robbery he was sentenced to 10 years' penal servitude.

In Pentridge he soon acquired even greater notoriety than before. He at first became a constant attendant at the Bible class, which Mr Duncan, the Inspector-General of Penal Establishments, holds every Sunday afternoon, and displayed such evidences of reformation that he ingratiated himself with the prison clergy, and became a general favorite with the warders, while at the same time he secured a powerful ascendancy over the convicts. The cloak of hypocrisy, however, soon proved irksome, and he made several daring attempts to escape, one of which proved so nearly successful, despite the formidable obstacles to be encountered in the shape of high stone walls and a tripple line of armed sentinels—obstacles which would have deterred any man not possessing remarkable determination, courage, and ingenuity, from making an endeavor to surmount—that it was deemed advisable to take extra precautions to secure his safe custody. Finding it impossible to get away, he resorted to many devices to relieve the tedium of his confinement. He "malingered" so well that the most experienced prison doctors were deceived, and he afterwards feigned lunacy with a remarkable degree of success. These diversions not proving sufficient to employ his restless energies, he took to assaulting the warders. For a time he was the terror of the prison officials, and on this account, as well as from the great influence he exercised over his fellow-prisoners, he was allowed many indulgences—in fact, for a

portion of the term of his imprisonment he did practically what seemed good in his own eyes, systematically violated the prison regulations, and defied the authorities. At last he locked a warder up in a bath-room, robbed him of his watch and chain, and attacked him with a knife. It took the whole prison staff, including the superintendent (Mr Gardiner), to capture him. And it is significant of the sway the man exercised that the warders were afraid to attack him with firearms, but confined their efforts to capture him to invitations to surrender. When the humour had been gratified, Capt. Moonlight graciously condescended to permit himself to be captured, and received a heavy additional sentence. On being liberated this desperado took a lecturing tour throughout Victoria, exposing the iniquities of the penal system at Pentridge. He was tolerably successful in this undertaking, and many hoped—for the man from his undoubted ability and daring character had secured numerous well-wishers—that he would abandon a career of crime and enter into honest pursuits. The police, however, considered him incorrigible, and were of opinion that he only wanted the opportunity to again embark in some desperate enterprise of crime and outrage. He was closely watched while in Victoria, and was charged with an attempt to rescue a couple of his mates from the Williamstown Penal Establishment. He was arrested for this endeavor, but the evidence not proving sufficiently strong he was soon again at liberty. Scott is a man of commanding presence, is highly educated, and his manners are gentlemanly and winning. Brave to the verge of recklessness, cool, clear-headed, and sagacious, and with a certain air of chivalrous dash, he is the *beau idéal* of a brigand chief. He is a man who would exercise sovereign power over untrained and uneducated, and especially youthful minds, while the fascination of his manner would secure him adherents and friends anywhere. The man's indomitable will, splendid intellect, and fascinating manner, render him more dangerous to the community than a dozen ordinary bushrangers, and his capture, therefore, at the outset of his career of depredation in this colony is a matter for deep congratulation to society, especially to dwellers on the frontiers, who are more likely to suffer from the raids of bushrangers.—*Town and Country Journal*.

SELECTIONS.

The Judge's Turn.

He had a flashy coat on, a necktie of pronounced tint, and he paid his 10 dollars fine with the air of a man who was liquidating the national debt. He hadn't been an hour out of court when he was back again. His offence was rank, they said. He had insisted on treating a virtuous policeman, who, on account of a crowd being around, had signified his abhorrence of the temptation by a summary arrest.

"What!" cried his Honor, "here again? Going about like a roaring lion, seeking to corrupt upright officials, eh? Trying to impair the integrity of the law's servants are you? This outraged municipality demands 10 dollars more."

"All right," said the prisoner; "pass the tinner to the deputy," and he handed the bill to the chief clerk. "I'm off again. By my!" He went into the market half an hour later and asked a horse-radish man for a champagne cocktail. They tried to coax him off; but he said he would have a mixed drink or perish. Another officer told this of him in court, when he appeared there for the third time.

His Honor looked abstracted. Then he said—"This county ought to be grateful to you for paying off the taxes. Ten dollars more."

The prisoner paid and leaned back on the railing as he put the roll of bills away. There clearly was something on his mind. At last he lifted up his head and said quietly to the Court:—

"Judge, don't you think it's time for you to do something?"

"What, sir?"

"Ain't you a-going t' treat? It's only friendly like. You'll put up a drink now, won't you?"

"How dare you ask such such a thing?"

The prisoner turned away with a reproachful glance at the Bench.

"Judge," he murmured, "I don't want to say you're small; I don't want to say you're a mean man. Oh, no! But I will observe that I never spent so much money in any house before without the boss treating. That's all."

He went off, the picture of despondency.

The writer of "Zigzag Papers" in the *Sydney Echo* says:—"In face of the interest which has recently centred in the ill-fated city of Cabool or Cabul, it may interest the general reader to know that the first mention of the word occurs in Sacred Writ. It occurs in 1 Kings, ix., 13, and was applied to the twenty cities which were given by Solomon to King Hiram, in return for his services in supplying timber and other materials used in the construction of the Temple. Hiram was little pleased with his present, and in disgust called the place Cabul. In Hebrew the word has no meaning; but all through the East the connections associated with the word have meant 'disgusting.' Strange that the name has had an evil meaning. To this day the term 'Cabool' is always employed in the sense of detraction or depreciation."

Libel on London Beauties.

Adolphus Rosenberg, the proprietor of a publication called *Town Talk*, was charged at the Guildhall on October 11th with publishing in that paper false and malicious libels against the Mrs Cornwallis West, wife of Mr Cornwallis West, Lord-Lieutenant of Denbighshire, and against Mrs Langtry. In the case of Mrs West, the libel complained of was an article stating that she was systematically photographed in her own house, and in various costumes, with the object of having her portrait exposed for sale in the shop windows; and that she received a considerable sum as commission from the persons who sold the photographs. The article referred to Mrs West as displaying her charms "side by side with the portraits of half-naked actresses and entirely naked Zulu women," and stated that at the back of her house in the neighborhood of Eaton square was a yard, "and in the yard are four corners, and in each corner is a photographic studio; in addition to this there is a glass house on the roof, and 15 dark rooms on the various landings." The article went on to say that it was almost impossible to conceive the labor gone through by Mrs West in the course of a day. About seven o'clock she took her breakfast, and almost immediately afterwards photographers began to arrive, who "are taken into the front parlor, treated to a glass of something short, and conducted afterwards into one or other of the photographic studios." Sometimes each of all five of these rooms contained an operator at the same time, and Mrs West ran from one room to the other in various costumes with a rapidity that was something marvellous. She seemed to be a kind of human feminine chameleon. "Sometimes she is taken with a grin, occasionally with a leer, at times in a devotional aspect, and at other times quite 't'other.'" Having been taken about 15 times in as many new positions, it was stated the photographers are dismissed for a time, and Mrs West, "having partaken of a light luncheon of hard-boiled eggs," dresses herself, and drives round in her brougham to the various shops "to collect her commission on the *cartes de visite* and the cabinets that have been sold during the previous day." This little commission, the writer had heard, amounted to thousands yearly. After having received her commission, the article added, Mrs West returned home again "to assume fresh positions, put on other costumes, and be taken backwards, full face, and in profile." Mr Cornwallis West was called, and said that there was not a particle of truth in the statements made in the article. The libel in the case of Mrs Langtry, was a series of statements to the effect that her husband had presented a petition to the Divorce Court, that the Prince of Wales and two noblemen were co-respondents, that the petition had been afterwards withdrawn, and that it was probable that Mr Langtry would be appointed to a diplomatic post abroad. Mr Langtry went into the witness-box and denied that there was the slightest truth in any of these statements. The defendant's solicitor said that his client had been misinformed and misled, and that he was prepared to give up the name of the writer of the offensive articles. The case was then adjourned until Oct. 15th, when the printers, Messrs Head and Mark, were also summoned. Mr W. Cornwallis West stated that his solicitor had been furnished with the name and address of the alleged writer of the offending article, but he had no evidence whatever that the person named was the writer. The defendants Head and Mark stated that they regretted that their press should have been made the medium of putting forth such foul matter as aspersing the fair fame of two such honorable ladies. They had not the smallest knowledge of what was contained in the papers; and as soon as the character of the paper became known to them they gave notice to Rosenberg that they would not print it any longer. Both declared that they had never read the paper. The magistrate intimated his intention to commit the defendants for trial at the Central Criminal Court. The prisoners were admitted to bail in their own recognisances of £1000 each.

We have since heard *via* San Francisco that Rosenberg has been sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment for libels upon Mrs Langtry, and to enter into recognisances for £100 to keep the peace for a further term of 18 months at the expiration of the sentence for libel. For the libel on Mrs Cornwallis West he was also sentenced to six months' imprisonment. The printers of *Town Talk* have been ordered to enter into recognisances for £1000 to appear for judgment when called upon to do so.

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